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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Group Art Unit:
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SALICIDE PROCESS AND)
METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

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1. Japanese Patent Laid Open (KOKAI) No. 09-139511 discloses a method to decrease contact resistance in a semiconductor apparatus by ion implantation of Ge to Si substrate.
2. Japanese Patent Publication (TOROKU) 3219996 discloses a method to decrease contact resistance in a semiconductor apparatus by ion implantation of Ge to Si substrate.

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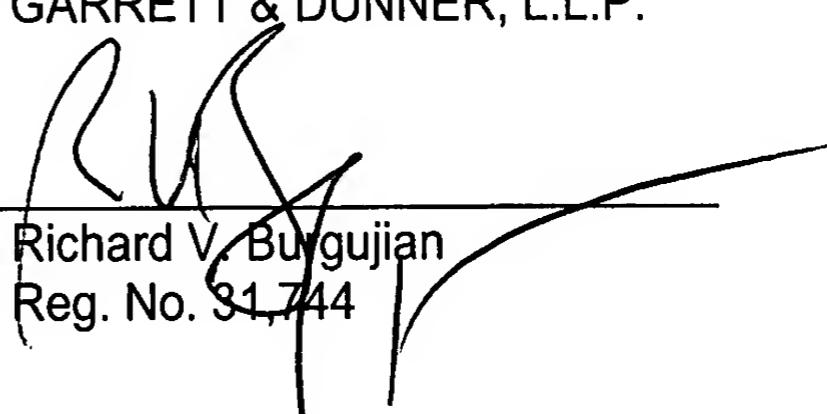
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